WE CLAIM:

- 1 1. A fuel injection valve for injecting fuel into
- 2 the combustion chamber of an internal combustion engine,
- 3 said fuel injection valve comprising:
- a valve body having a tip, said tip containing
- 5 injection orifices and a valve needle, said valve needle
- 6 disposed in an axially displaceable manner in the valve
- 7 body for opening and closing the injection valve, and a
- 8 cone located at the tip of the valve needle for
- 9 selectively blocking a fuel path to the injection
- 10 orifices, wherein each injection orifice has a respective
- 11 groove-shaped recess in the tip of the valve needle.
- 1 2. A fuel injection valve according to Claim 1,
- 2 wherein each recess has a width which corresponds at
- 3 least to a diameter of an injection orifice.
- 3. A fuel injection valve according to Claim 1,
- 2 wherein each recess has a stepped contour.
- 4. A fuel injection valve according to Claim 3,
- 2 wherein each recess has a curvilinear cross-section.
- 1 5. A fuel injection valve according to Claim 1,
- 2 wherein the nozzle needle has a quide for reducing
- 3 rotational movements.
- 1 6. A fuel injection valve according to Claim 5,
- 2 wherein the guide is a slot-and-key guide.

- 7. A fuel injection valve according to Claim 5,
- 2 wherein a featherkey engages in a needle guide of the
- 3 valve needle in a guide groove in a hollow cylindrical
- 4 guide surface in the valve body.
- 1 8. A fuel injection valve according to Claim 5,
- 2 wherein the guide is a longitudinal guide.
- 9. A fuel injection valve according to Claim 1,
- 2 wherein each recess has an arched contour.
- 1 10. A fuel injection valve according to Claim 9,
- 2 wherein each recess has a semicircular cross-section.
- 1 11. A fuel injection valve according to Claim 1,
- 2 wherein the recesses of the injection orifices are
- 3 adapted to compensate for asymmetrical flow conditions.
- 1 12. A fuel injection valve according to Claim 1,
- 2 wherein the recesses are of triangular cross-section.
- 1 13. A fuel injection valve according to Claim 1,
- 2 wherein a bottom edge of each recess lies at
- 3 approximately the same height as a bottom edge of each
- 4 orifice.